Boston, June 15, 1839.

Dear bro. George:

54 In the ear of my imagination, it is whispered to me that every member of the dear household in Brooklyn is saying, "Bro. Garrison is growing less and less attentive to us, in his epistolary interchanges." I admit the fact, with some confusion of face; but it is not and can never be true, that one particle of my affection for you all is lost, or that you are not always held in loving remembrance. It is wholly useless for me to plead, in extenuation, the multiplicity of my engagements; for though I have really been burdened uncommonly of late, yet had I more executive power, more industry, more application, more method, I could find time to write to some of you much oftener than I do. Well, if I am incorrigible in this matter, do not, I pray, any of you imitate my bad example; but see to it that I am shamed out of my dilatory, procrastinating habits by the frequency with which you write to me or dear Helen.

Bro. Collins has just handed me your letter to him. We are afflicted to learn that you have been seriously injured by an accident on your way from Hampton to Brooklyn, but rejoiced at the same time that you and friend Coe fared no worse. It was truly a narrow escape for you both, and for yourself in particular. Pray, be careful of yourself, and do not attempt to labor until you are thoroughly recovered. Give both my sympathy and congratulation to friend Coe, my regards to his wife, and some hearty kisses for me to his dear boys. — Blessings on them all!

For a month past, Helen and myself have been talking about taking the children into the country, to recruit their health, (which has been much affected by the whooping-cough,) — and we had about concluded to go to Providence — spend a few days there — from thence to Brooklyn, and tarry a week — and then home again via Worcester. But the children are now greatly recovered in health — Phebe Jackson intends visiting us next week — I have much to do in the city, and therefore cannot leave; so we must forego the pleasure of visiting Brooklyn this season. I intend carrying Helen and the children to Newburyport, immediately after the 4th of July.

You may easily imagine, that we greatly miss dear mother, and scarcely know how to be resigned to her absence. I feel very grateful to her, for consenting to remain so long with us, and taking such incessant and parental care of the children. Since she left us, we have had Lavinia remain with us; and we shall endeavor to keep her awhile longer. When will sister Sarah gladden us by her presence, or either of the other precious ones? I hope one of them, at least, will conclude to make us a visit immediately.

I see by your letter, that you decline coming into this State to reside, at present. I hope, however, that you will be able to make such arrangements by the fall, as to insure your labors as one of our State agents without fail. I am sorry you cannot come now — for "now's the day, and now's the hour," when a great battle is to be fought, not for this Commonwealth only, but for the nation. As goes Massachusetts, so goes the land.

We are greatly disappointed in not being able to secure the invaluable aid of our friend C. C. Burleigh. He has a strong desire to be with us, but he feels as if he could not leave his broad field of labor in Pennsylvania. He will remain a few days in Plainfield, (for which place he left here yesterday,) and I hope you will see him, and talk over the subject. Charles, I think, is now fully enlightened as to the real spirit which actuates the disorganizers in this State, and his visit has been very serviceable to us as well as to himself.

We have just achieved a great triumph in old Essex. The annual meeting of the Essex Co. Society was held at Topsfield on Wednesday last. I was not able to be present, having to lecture in Abington on that day—(they gave me a crowded house.) For some weeks prior to the county meeting, Torrey, Phelps, St. Clair and Wise, were busy in endeavoring to secure a full attendance on the part of spurious abolitionists; and they were sanguine that they should succeed in their design—viz. to exclude the women, brand the non-resistants as recreant to the cause, and make the society auxiliary to the new organization instead of the State Society. They met with a real Waterloo defeat. The vote, admitting women to participate in the proceedings, was adopted by an overwhelming majority. That part of Torrey's Report, which related to political action, was stricken out by a vote of 106 to 32.—Our non-resistant brother, Wm. Bassett of Lynn, was elected President of the Society, and J. P. Boyce, of ditto, Cor. Sec. in the place of C. T. Torrey! It was a grand meeting—and, as friend Burleigh was present, he will give you further particulars respecting it. I attended it the second day, and was cordially received. Resolutions were adopted, approving of the Mass. Board, the Liberator, Cradle of Liberty, &c. Torrey and ten others withdrew, and organized a rival county society! What a farce!—But my sheet is full. I hope to hear from you soon. Great love to all.

Yours, indissolubly,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Dear Anna:
Husband has been so kind as to leave a small space for
me so I seize the opportunity of saying a word or two to your ladyship.
I have been expecting a letter daily ever since dear Mother left. I feel
desirous to learn how she got home & if she is well and &c - Do
gratify me soon with a few lines if no more. tell Mother I missed
her so much when she first left that I hardly knew what to do
I felt so lonely without her. Little Willie seemed to feel her loss much
he looks very wishfully when I call Grand mother to come with
her cap on. The children are both doing nicely so I think
there will be no necessity of journeying a great distance
for their benefit - Though we intend to take them out the
city for a day or so quite frequently till they entirely
recover. I accompanied husband to Abington a distance
of 16 miles & passed the day very agreeably the children were
both good & seemed to enjoy it much.

I want to hear how your health is now

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George W. Benson,
Brooklyn,
Connecticut.

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Mrs Robins is desirous we should come out & pass the
day with her at Dorchester & also wants to see Phebe very
much, I think we shall wait till she is with us & then go -
Mrs Olcott goes to Scituate to board week after next - When
is Sarah & A Gilbert to ~~come~~ this way - soon I hope.
tell Mother Lavinia has been with us & the children
are much attached to her - to morrow Mr G goes to Dedham
to deliver an address, I think I shall go with him
Adieu Helen